

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORT FOR 2006
PROSECUTORIAL DISTRICT 2
CUMBERLAND COUNTY**

Cases Approved in 2006	942
Requested Information	40
Prosecution Declined	372

Cases resolved in 2006	764 cases involving 567 defendants
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Found Guilty	420 defendants
Acquitted	1 defendant
Filed	20 defendants
Dismissed	126 defendants

The role of the domestic violence prosecutors in Cumberland County

Two attorneys vertically prosecute all misdemeanor domestic violence cases that originate in Portland District Court (other prosecutors handle misdemeanors that originate in Bath/Brunswick and Bridgton District Courts), and all felony offenses within our district. Each domestic violence prosecutor has a Victim Assistant assigned to assist victims of her cases.

Resources available to DV prosecutors

CCDA has an investigator assigned to its DV Unit through the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office. There is one probation officer assigned to handle DV cases only, with a reduced maximum caseload that enables him to more closely monitor his probationers.

CCDA utilizes the services of a Maine Pretrial Services caseworker who is funded, in part, by a VAWA grant. That caseworker supervises defendants on bail, as well as defendants who are on deferred dispositions.

The greatest impediment to convictions

The greatest impediment to convictions is victims who are unwilling to testify, can not be located, do not show up in court under subpoena, and/or who recant. Although we aggressively prosecute without victims when possible, often there is insufficient evidence to proceed without the victim's participation.